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WITH C. L. Wood in California, who will carry on the great local reforms (?) which he seems to imagine he has begun? How we will miss you, Charley.

THERE are indications that the state fair this fall will eclipse in attractions any heretofore given. In this effort Omaha should be backed by the whole state.

Now that the municipal year has closed, the treasurer should publish a financial statement of the city's receipts, expenditures and indebtedness. By this the citizens will know "where they are at."

THE Gandy Pioneer complains that THE TRIBUNE does not give proper credit for items clipped from exchanges. Pardon the oversight. Any thing clipped from the Pioneer in the future will be credited by two-line pica type.

THE Sioux City Journal says: "Senator Thurston of Nebraska told the people of Denver that Gov. McKinley is the ideal republican candidate for president and that he will be nominated and will sweep the country by such a majority as never before known. He also told the Denver politicians that the platform would be bimetalism and protection and that Gov. McKinley would stand on it despite alleged rumors to the contrary."

It can be no secret that the federal treasury officials are greatly disappointed over the current revenue collections. Sugar imports offer the greatest surprise. The receipts from this quarter increase very slowly and in the past month or two not at all. Where a revenue of \$3,000,000 a month or over was looked for, hardly \$2,000,000 is being collected. The gains from the whisky taxes are also disappointing, and the present month seems likely to show an unexpectedly large deficit.—Springfield Republican.

A PERusal of the vote of 1894 should pretty thoroughly convince the editor of the Era that the republican party of Lincoln county is not very badly shattered, but on the contrary is about one hundred votes stronger than the pops. Since that election the republicans have made gains, and the finishing stroke to populism in the county will be dealt this fall. THE TRIBUNE is not over-confident in saying that if the proper material is put forward a republican nomination will be equivalent to an election. The Era is whistling to keep up its courage—that is all.

BILLY BRYAN was warned when he tied up last year with Si Holcomb that the latter wouldn't tote fair, and that if he (Bryan) got anything out of the compact it wouldn't be anything more than a Rip Van Winkle cold potato. All this, and more if possible, has come to pass. Both he and his friends have got the worst of it right along from Slippery Si, and he has just got another slap or two in the face by the governor turning down several of his friends in the matter of state appointments. Holcomb is looking out for number one, and not only is now but always was and ever shall be; amen!—Hub.

THE legislature passed a new law to provide for the destruction of the Russian thistle. The law makes it the duty of every owner, lessee, or any occupant of any land in the state to cut down and destroy all Russian thistles growing thereon or in the highways adjoining the same, so often as to prevent their going to seed. Each road overseer must notify the land occupants in his district to cut down the weeds and if the occupant fails to do so in ten days the overseer must cause it to be done and the expense charged up to the owner, the cost to remain a lien upon the land until paid back to the county.

It is said that Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, being a product of Nebraska, so to speak, would not attract a crowd in this city. We venture the prediction, however, that his original show would prove a great drawing card during state fair week. At any rate some effort should be made to secure a band of Omaha Indians to take part in the Ak-sar-ben festivities. Both Omaha and Nebraska are Indian names. Within the memory of men living here the city's townsite was in undisputed possession of the aborigines. We suggest that if Mr. Cody cannot bring his show here that he be requested to arrange a fair week program in which the Omaha Indians may be given a full representation.—Bee.

THE TRIBUNE is in line with the western republicans who believe that America should coin up American silver into American dollars. It also believes that this and protection to American industries and American workmen will be the issues championed by the republicans in the great battle of 1896.

THE quoting of wool last week at the lowest price on record somewhat discourages Mr. W. Jennings Bryan, who boasted a few weeks ago that the Wilson free trade would not hurt the farmers of the country any, as wool had not decreased in price. The work of Professor Wilson and Mr. Bryan is at least telling with great effect on making things "cheaper." Doubtless, however, Mr. Bryan will explain in his next great speech that the demonetization of silver in '73 is what has sent wool down to 16 cents a pound.—Journal.

A LARGE majority of the people of Scotts Bluff county are strongly opposed to having Senator Akers appointed secretary to the state board of irrigation, and they claim to be in position to produce some damaging evidence against the Senator. The claim that he is incompetent for the position is strongly supported by the people of his county. It may not be out of place to remark that the farmers and business men of Scotts Bluff county were as strongly in favor of repealing section 2034 of the irrigation law as were the people of this county, and yet the senator did not hesitate to disregard their wishes. The residents of the irrigated district do not want Akers appointed secretary, and it seems only fair that the State Board should have some respect for the wishes of the people who are directly interested in irrigation.

Horse meat as an article of food is not new to the people of Oregon. The old missionaries from 1833 to 1844 used it as a regular diet. In 1843 Mrs. Dr. Whitman writes in her diary: "We have been able to get but little venison for the mission, and to feed our men and our visitors we have bought for food ten wild horses from the Cayuse Indians." The flesh of the wild horse fattened on the rich bunch grass is very different from the flesh of the old, broken-down dray horses used in Europe.

Mention was made a few days ago of the intention of a man who has a star route mail contract to carry the mail upon a bicycle. There is a good deal of significance in this. In most of the star routes the mail bags are very light and could be readily be carried upon a wheel. In places where the roads are good mails could be carried far more speedily by bicycles than by horses, and at considerable less expense. This idea may take root and grow and be another incentive to road improvement.—Baltimore Sun.

A girl in this city had a proposition of marriage a week ago Sunday night, and asked a week to think it over. She went to interview several married ladies in Beatrice as to their domestic experience. One, who used to be a belle, had three children, did all her own work and had not been to a theatre or out riding since she was married. Another, whose husband was a promising young man at the time she was married, is supporting him. A third did not dare say her life is her own when her husband is around, and a fourth is divorced. After visiting and hearing their woes, the heroine of this little story went home got pen, ink, and perfume note paper and wrote an answer to the young man. You may think it was refusing him, but it was not. She accepted him and they are to be married the first of June. Ring the bells.—Beatrice Democrat.

The force which holds a ball in the nozzle of a hose when the water is turned on, causes a beautiful spray to be formed, is utterly confounding the wise man. The fact that a ball would remain in the mouth of a hose and refuse to fly out even under the greatest pressure, was discovered by accident. It is said, by a citizen of Des Moines, who got a potato in the nozzle of his hose and could not take it out until the water was turned off. Now the manufacturers are making the ball nozzles almost by the million, and they are causing much wonder and speculation wherever they go. The firemen are already using them to put out incipient fires. They say they can march through a building sending a wall of spray before them that drives out smoke better than a draught of air. There is no back pressure from one of these nozzles, a thing that is also much of a mystery. One man can handle a hose equipped in this way easier than two can without the new device.

BRIDGE CASE TAKEN UP

Interstate Commerce Commission
Hearing Charges at Omaha.

WANT RECEIVERS OUSTED.

Removal Proceedings Begun Before Judge Jenkins at Milwaukee—Engineers Will Oppose the New Rule For Promotions. Burlington Shows a Deficit.

OMAHA, April 29.—The interstate commerce commission today began hearing the charges of discrimination in freight rates preferred by the Omaha Commercial club. All the commissioners, except Judge Youmans, were present at the opening of the case. The charge was made that the rates made by the roads across the bridge discriminated against Omaha in favor of Council Bluffs. The roads, in conjunction with Council Bluffs business men, filed a petition in intervention, reciting at length their side of the case.

The petitioners state that prior to the year 1887 upon all shipments to Omaha of merchandise originating east of the Mississippi river, to the Council Bluffs rate there was added an arbitrary of 5 cents per 100 pounds by all the defendants and other railroads handling Omaha business, but about the first of the year, 1887, by an agreement made between the several railroads interested, the incoming tariff on all such shipments to Council Bluffs was advanced 5 cents per 100 pounds, while no advance was made at Omaha, and ever since that time the same rate has been charged to Council Bluffs as to Omaha, to the great advantage of the jobbers, manufacturers and business men of Omaha.

After listening to the reading of the document, the commission took a recess. A decision of the matter may be expected in perhaps two or three months.

Engineers Will Combat the New Rule. CLEVELAND, April 29.—It is rumored in railway circles that a rule will soon be put into force on the railroads in the Vanderbilt system, which in brief, is that hereafter officials when making promotions among employees will consider only efficiency. It is said that if the rule is adopted it will meet with stubborn resistance by the men. Chief Arthur, of the engineers' brotherhood, in discussing the matter, said: "I should think the enforcement of such a rule would be injurious to the best interests of the company. Our contracts with the railroads expressly provide that when all things are equal the preference shall be given to the men who have served the company the longest. If such a rule is adopted the engineers will, I think, use every honorable means to combat it."

Want the Receivers Ousted. CHICAGO, April 29.—The proceedings to oust from the receivership of the Chicago and Northern Pacific Messrs. Morgan, Howland and Van Norden were begun before Judge Jenkins today. The petition filed by the bondholders' committee made no charge against the receivers. It simply set forth that the petition represents \$24,000,000 out of the \$28,000,000 issue of bonds and that the bondholders believed they were not properly represented in the receivership and that their interests were jeopardized. The bondholders suggested A. Lawrence Hopkins of New York as successor to the present receiver, J. S. Spooner, representing the other side, opposed the removal of the present receivers on the ground that there were no charges against them.

Nebraska's New Railroad. FREMONT, April 29.—The board of directors of the Iowa, Lake Superior and Gulf Railroad company held a meeting here, adopted rules and bylaws and elected J. H. Edmiston of Columbus cashier. It was decided to commence work on the survey today.

Burlington Shows a Deficit. CHICAGO, April 29.—The statement of net earnings of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy system of railroads issued today for the three months ending March 31, compared with the corresponding period in 1894, shows a deficit of \$260,866.

DENVER MINING EXPOSITION. Eastern People Evincing Considerable Interest In the Enterprise.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Hon. E. B. Coo of Denver, who has just arrived here after a visit to New York and other eastern cities in the interest of the mining exposition, which is to be held in Denver next year, reports that he found considerable interest in the enterprise. Speaking of the exposition today he said: "Little is known of Colorado's resources, and we propose to let the world know what we have. A great many think silver is our only product. This is entirely a wrong impression. Very conservative men estimate that our gold output this year will be not less than \$20,000,000, and some place it as high as \$30,000,000. If we never mined an ounce of silver, we would still have our gold, zinc, lead, marble, iron and coal, which exist in great abundance. We will show the various methods of mining the ores and extracting the materials. We are already assured that the mining display will be superior to that of the World's fair."

"We also intend to show on a comprehensive scale what can be done in arid countries by irrigation. All known methods will be exhibited and there will be irrigated farms in connection with the exposition, on which will be grown all the products of the soil capable of being grown in an arid country."

Baldwin Changes Trainers. SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Sam Hildreth has been engaged to train the Santa Anita string and William Brien is to be relegated to obscurity.

50 Cents to January 1, 1896. That is an awful little bit of money for a twice-a-week paper like the Semi-Weekly Tribune, but if you send 50 cents you will receive that paper until January 1, 1896. You will find it the farmer's daily. Markets alone are worth more money than that. If you take it the rest of this year for 50 cents you will want to keep it always. If you get up a club of five 50-cent subscribers you can have a copy free for your trouble. Address, Nebraska State Journal, Lincoln, Neb.

DEATH LIST GROWS LARGER.

Later Reports More Than Confirm the First News of the Flood at Bonney. EPINAL, France, April 29.—The list of the fatalities caused by the breaking of the great Bonney dyke in the Vorges, increases every hour. One hundred and fifteen deaths have already been reported, but only 50 bodies have been recovered. It is believed the death list will be greatly in excess of the figures above given when all the districts are heard from.

It is supposed many of the dead were swept into isolated places where it will be a long time before the bodies are found. The region over which the tons of water swept in a resistless flood is strewn with every sort of wreckage, and the whole country presents a most desolate appearance. In many places the early crops were swept clean out of the ground and the losses thus incurred will be very heavy.

Six brigades of gen d'armes have been detailed to act as guards. Every attempt is being made to reorganize the district, but this is rendered difficult by the waters. The Aviere, a small stream, is now in some places a mile and a half wide. The railway in the vicinity of the Darnulles station was torn up.

Important Developments Looked For. SALT LAKE, April 29.—Important developments are looked for in connection with the recent murder of the three men at Pelican Point, Utah. On the strength of a letter received from Montana the sheriff of Lehi made another visit to the cabinet formerly occupied by the murdered men and found it occupied by Hayes, Tyler and Lam Peterson. Hayes is the father-in-law of one of the murdered men. The sheriff discovered evidence which is thought will lead to arrests. The exact purport of the letter from Montana cannot be learned as the officials claim its publication will be detrimental to the investigation.

Explosion of Natural Gas. PITTSBURGH, April 29.—At Edgewood, a suburb, the residence of Attorney A. L. Spindler was blown apart by an explosion of natural gas which leaked into the cellar through a drain. Rebecca Spindler was probably fatally injured by falling from the second floor to the cellar. Her sister, Mary, and Officer Selhormer were seriously but not fatally burned. The explosion was followed in quick succession by two others, which wrecked the adjoining dwelling houses of A. L. Swift, Professor D. W. Downing and A. J. Johnson. Total loss, \$39,000.

California Athletic Team. BERKELEY, April 29.—The university athletic team will next Thursday morning start on the transcontinental trip, which has been under consideration for some time past, to meet the eastern college athletes. The amount of money on hand at present will allow Captain Koch to take a team of only 10 men, but an effort will be made to raise sufficient money to take 12. If 12 men go the two others to join the team will be Scoggin, a sprinter, and Everett Brown, a mile runner.

Active Mason Over Seventy Years. MINNEAPOLIS, April 29.—Dr. Frederick Andros, who was the first practicing physician to locate west of the Mississippi river, died in this city at the age of 94. Dr. Andros was a member of the legislature in Iowa in its territorial days and represented the northern part of Minnesota in the legislature of this state as early as 1854. He has been prominent in the councils of the medical fraternity for two generations and an active Mason for over 70 years.

Concede America's Claims. MADRID, April 29.—The report that the Alliance affair has been settled by Spain conceding the American claims is confirmed officially. Spain will give honorable satisfaction for the mistake and admits the Alliance was outside her territorial water when the Conde de Venadito fired upon her. Spanish vessels have been given precise instructions to not fire on vessels outside the three-mile limit.

Butte Jury Refused to Indict. BUTTE, Mon., April 29.—The grand jury called three weeks ago by Judge Spear of the district court to investigate the disastrous dynamite explosion Jan. 15, by which 58 men were killed, refused to indict anyone on the ground that they were unable to locate the responsibility on any individual. Civil suits for damages aggregating \$250,000 have been brought against the powder companies.

Killed the Wrong Man. HOUSTON, Tex., April 29.—R. P. Owens, who murdered Dr. Simmons, shot his own wife and then put a bullet in his own breast, has died. Mrs. Owens is still alive, but will probably die. Dr. Simmons was killed at Owens' house, where he had been calling to attend Owens' child. It is rumored Owens confessed to having killed the wrong man.

Fire Caused an Assignment. CHEYENNE, WY., April 29.—The Trading Commercial company at Laramie assigned to E. Crumrine, with liabilities amounting to \$80,000, while the assets are nominally set at \$100,000. Direct cause of the failure was a disastrous fire about a month ago, by which the firm lost \$70,000 on real estate and general merchandise.

No Answer From Japan. LONDON, April 29.—A Berlin dispatch says there is no foundation for the statement that Japan has already answered the protest made by Russia, Germany and France against the annexation of any portion of the Chinese mainland.

Natrona to Have a New Courthouse. CASPER, WY., April 29.—The board of county commissioners of Natrona county is advertising for the erection of a county courthouse. It is to be a 2-story brick and will cost about \$10,000.

Wyoming Shearing Commences. DOUGLAS, WY., April 29.—Sheep shearing has commenced at the Douglas pens. Over 60,000 fleeces will be clipped during the season. Upward of \$5,000 will be paid to shearers.

DURRANT UNBOSOMS HIMSELF.

Accused Medical Student Scores Police and Newspapers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—For the first time since the charge of murdering Miss Marian Williams in the Emanuel Baptist church of this city was informally made against W. H. T. Durrant the prisoner has consented to talk. He said: "Judging by newspaper communications I am looked upon as a cold blooded, diabolical monster. I am 'painted as a devil in human shape, and very little is said of the possibility of any other person killing these two girls, but when the trial is over the world will know that I am innocent. My composure and self control since my arrest are held against me, but no person will ever know the terrible ordeal I am undergoing. It is said that I use opiates to induce sleep. That is a lie. I am able to sleep well because my conscious is clear of all crime. I am not of a nervous temperament, and have always been able to keep cool."

He accuses the police of working solely from the premise that he is guilty of the crime and ignoring all other clues.

Excitement in Chinatown. Placards Posted in the Chinese Quarters Denouncing the Police as Blackmailers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Rising with the fetid smells in the heart of Chinatown Sunday there was a babel of shrill voices that could be heard for blocks and a great crowd of pigtailed, blue blouse and greasy looking Chinese was fairly wedged in two corners on Dupont street, where Washington and Jackson intersect. So dense was the excited mass that it blocked the street and compelled the cable line to suspend operations pending a clearing of the way. The trouble was over four Chinese placards at each of the points named, evidently a manifesto issued by Highbinders, and which may be productive of a war in the Chinese quarters. The placards accuse the Six Companies' police of blackmailing. The police could not disperse the crowd until finally one officer torn down the placards.

Robber Shot by a Bank Teller. DUBUQUE, April 29.—A robber walked into the Iowa Trust and Savings bank today, and walking up to the counter behind which the funds for the day's use were piled, struck the window with a small hammer that he carried, with the intention of grabbing the funds. Teller Maurice Brown fired at the man, the ball taking effect in the head. The robber is seriously wounded and is now under arrest.

Brutal Murder at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, April 29.—A brutal murder with robbery as the motive was committed in J. C. Dougherty's saloon at Sixth and Elm streets early today. Christy Masterson, bartender on the night watch, was assaulted by persons unknown and his skull crushed with an iron bar. His pockets were rifled and the key to the money drawer taken and \$50 secured.

Will Be Executed Wednesday. SING SING, April 29.—The respite granted by Governor Morton in the case of Dr. Buchanan expires at midnight and unless the supreme court interferes the condemned man will be executed on Wednesday morning.

McMurrin's Wound Not Fatal. BEATRICE, Neb., April 29.—William McMurrin, who was shot last night by J. J. Skow while attempting to steal feed from the latter's feed lot, rested pretty well today, and it is thought that he will recover.

Two Snufles in Central Park. NEW YORK, April 29.—Two unknown men committed suicide today in Central park, one by hanging and the other by shooting himself.

Perished in the Flames. Three Persons Burned to Death in a Pittsburgh Fire.

PITTSBURGH, April 29.—A frame dwelling, owned by A. P. Snyder in the East end and occupied by Samuel Weaver and his family, burned last night. Weaver was very ill with the typhoid fever and was known to have perished, but today his body and that of Frederick Snyder, son of the owner of the building, were recovered from the building. The body of William Mitchell, aged 32, the nurse attending Mr. Weaver, was recovered later, making the third fatality, while Mr. Weaver is in a critical condition from burns and fright.

Wrecked by a Gas Explosion. ELYRIA, O., April 29.—G. A. R. hall was almost demolished by a terrific gas explosion. A gas jet was in some way opened without being lighted last night and filled the place with gas. When Janitor Martin struck a match in the hall this morning a heavy explosion followed. He was terribly burned and is in a serious condition.

Keeler Mill Damaged by Fire. ST. LOUIS, April 29.—Fire partially destroyed the plant of the Keeler Milling company of St. Louis, causing an estimated damage to machinery and building of about \$100,000.

Wind Does Damage at Omaha. Four Buildings Were Demolished, but No One Seriously Injured.

OMAHA, April 29.—The report of a cyclone in the northwestern portion of the city this morning proves to have been exaggerated. Only four houses were demolished, at the corner of Thirty-third and Spaulding streets, and a number of outbuildings and trees were blown down. Nobody was seriously injured. The wind was accompanied by rain and hail, which did slight damage.

Storm at St. Joseph. ST. JOSEPH, April 29.—A severe rain, hail and wind storm struck this city at 10 a. m. But little damage was done here, but north of here, where the storm was more severe, it is feared the hail injured the fruit crop.

Des Moines Storm. DES MOINES, April 29.—A heavy thunder storm and rain began at 4:30 a. m. The storm is believed to general throughout this section.

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